



MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Johnston, Purchasing

FROM: Todd Renshaw, Chief of Police

SUBJ: FY11 Purchase Order-Supreme Specialty Vehicles

DATE: November 22, 2010

In August 2010, the Police Department was awarded a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), North Central Texas Council of Governments and Regional Emergency Preparedness Committee (REPAC) for the funding of a Mobile Emergency Rescue Vehicle. The grant award is for \$246,785.00 with no required cash match from the City.

The four most populated counties in the region are Dallas, Tarrant, Collin, and Denton. It is no surprise to find that all of the NIJ rated level IV armored; military spec vehicles are located among those counties. Although there are several vehicles located in the NCTCOG region, we have learned through training exercises that time is of the essence when responding to critical incidents and lives are in jeopardy. Response time from regional partners is 90-120 minutes, at best. Those are critical minutes in life and death situations.

In the case of a man-made or a natural disaster we must be able to work in conjunction with fire/rescue personnel to enter hazardous and unstable environments to assess, retrieve, and evacuate the injured to safer and more definitive care sites. The Frisco Fire Department is equipping and training a select group of Tactical Paramedics whose skills will involve technical rescue and advanced medical care. It will be the role of the police department's Special Operations Unit to provide the needed security the Tactical Medics will need to conduct their operation and complete their mission successfully. To accomplish this, there is a need for a hardened, survivable vehicle to get the rescue personnel to their destination, rescue those in need and get them to safety.

The central part of Collin and Denton Counties lacks a special-purpose rescue and incident response vehicle for the transport of equipment, personnel including but not limited to trained Tactical Medics, Hazmat Teams, and Law Enforcement Special Operations Teams.

As it stands now, teams in Frisco and smaller agencies in both Collin and Denton Counties must respond to critical incidents in departmental vehicles, which are general-purpose police vehicles without armor that offer no protection for responding personnel against explosions, projectiles or any other hazard that may be found at such a site.

This critical factor would make targeting and potentially eliminating responding personnel a relatively simple affair.

Having a NIJ rated level IV armored vehicle would enable Frisco Public Safety personnel to quickly respond to a multitude of incidents, including any Mutual Aid Request to any of our regional partners, in a safe and protected manner. This level of protection would allow those who have the training and expertise to absolutely resolve or effectively deal with an extreme weather event, large scale disturbance, hostile environment, or WMD event.

This grant was awarded in the amount of \$246,785 with a grant period of August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2012. Research was conducted into different companies that manufacture and market armored tactical vehicles. The Police Department has selected a vehicle from Supreme Specialty Vehicles. Supreme Specialty Vehicles provides NIJ approved protection levels, military spec ballistic steel, quality chassis and equipment suited for the Frisco Police Department. The final negotiated price for the vehicle with options and supplies is \$246,785. Supreme Specialty Vehicles is currently on the HGAC contract #AM04-10.

Should you need additional information, please advise.

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